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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SNAR, BM

SUBJ: BURMESE REQUEST FOR RECOILLESS RIFLES

REF: STATE 167691

1. THE ACTING DATT CALLED ON BURMA ARMY ARTILLERY AND ARMOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR COL SEIN TUN AND CONVEYED TO HIM THE INFORMATION ON RECOILLESS RIFLES PROVIDED BY REFTEL.

2. COL SEIN TUN SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED BY THE UNAVAILABILITY OF 57 MM WEAPONS BUT WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT LOCAL PRODUCTION WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. HE NOTED THAT THE INSURGENT/TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS ARE EQUIPED WITH THE 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, AND SAID THAT UNDER CONDITIONS CURRENTLY FACED BY THE BURMA ARMY IN FIGHTING THESE ORGANIZATIONS (THE NEED FOR MOBILITY IN EXTREMELY ROUGH TERRAIN), THIS WEAPON IS IDEAL.

3. COL SEIN TUN WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT 90 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AND AMMUNITION ARE AVAILABLE, IN THAT IT GIVES THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE "ANOTHER OPTION," BUT HE EXPRESSED THE RESERVATION THAT, ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, ONLY ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION IS AVAILABLE FOR USE WITH THE 90 MM
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RIFLE. HE AGAIN POINTED OUT THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE BURMA ARMY MUST OPERATE AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR "ANTI-PERSONNEL" AMMUNITION. (HE PROBABLY HAD IN MIND HIGH EXPLOSIVE AMMUNITION FOR USE AGAINST BUNKERS, CARAVANS, ETC.) IN ORDER TO HELP THE MOD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT IT MIGHT WISH TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF 90 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES, COL SEIN TUN ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON THE AVAIL-

ABILITY OF OTHER THAN ARMOR-PIERCING AMMUNITION AND FOR THE
APPROXIMATE UNIT COST OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE US INFORMATION
WITH WHICH TO RESPOND TO THE ABOVE QUERRY.
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